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1. EMBASSY ECON OFFICER SPOKE WITH MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT MAYCOCK CONCERNING RUMOR REPORTED REFTEL (A) THAT EAST COAST FISHERIES HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY GCOB TO RENT THEIR BOATS TO THEM. MAYCOCK SAID THAT HE KNEW OF NO SUCH PROPOSAL BUT THAT HE IS HAVING INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS (HE DID NOT SPECIFY WITH WHOM) CONCERNING A MORTGAGE/SUPPLY ARRANGEMENT FORMULA.

2. THE CONCEPT IS SIMILAR TO THAT PROPOSED BY EAST COAST FISHERIES REPORTED REFTEL (B) I.E. THE BOATS WOULD BE SOLD TO THE BAHAMIANS WITH TITLE REMAINING IN AMERICAN HANDS UNTIL THE MORTGAGE WAS PAID, WITH THE CATCH FROM THE VESSELS GOING EXCLUSIVELY TO THE AMERICAN COMPANY INVOLVED. THE SUPPLY ARRANGEMENT COULD CONTINUE EVEN WHEN THE MORTGAGE WAS PAID OFF.

3. THE MAIN DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MAYCOCK'S CONCEPT AND EAST COAST FISHERIES' PROPOSAL IS THAT THE CREW WOULD NOT REMAIN AMERICAN BUT WOULD HAVE TO BE BAHAMIAN. TRAINING OF BAHAMIANS WOULD HAVE TO BE PART OF THE CONCEPT AS THERE ARE PROBABLY NOT CURRENTLY ENOUGH BAHAMIANS WITH THE TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW

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TO RUN THE BOATS.

4. MAYCOCK IS ALSO THINKING OF AN ARRANGEMENT WHERE THE OVERSEAS PARTNER WOULD PROVIDE THE ON-SHORE PROCESSING FACILITY. HE SAID THAT THEY HAD HAD INQUIRIES FROM EUROPE IN THIS REGARD AS WELL.

5. MAYCOCK IS TRYING TO GET AGREEMENT WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT WITHOUT TAKING THE PROPOSAL TO CABINET.

6. EMBASSY COMMENT: MAYCOCK HAS ALWAYS BEEN MORE FORTHCOMING ON THE FISHERIES QUESTION VIS-A-VIS PARTICIPATION OF NON-BAHAMIAN INDIVIDUALS THAN HIS CABINET COLLEAGUES ESPECIALLY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES TONY ROBERTS. MAYCOCK HAS NOT THUS FAR BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING HIS POINT OF VIEW TO PREVAIL. HE IS HAVING FURTHER INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS NEXT WEEK. HE DID NOT SAY WITH WHOM. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT AS INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.
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